

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~a user-based~~ processing of an electronic message ~~having a file attachment, the method~~ comprising:

receiving the an electronic message, the electronic message comprised of at least one file attachment; message;

~~modifying the electronic message by replacing the file attachment by a memory location link to a user-selected memory location in a user file system; and~~

saving the at least one file attachment in at a the user-selected memory location; location ~~in the user file system.~~

creating a link to the electronic message;

saving the link to the electronic message in the user-selected memory location.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12 wherein the link is created and saved 12, further such that the link is displayed in the same file as the file attachment, the link configured to display the electronic message after the link is actuated.

~~comprising creating a message link to the modified electronic message at the user-selected memory location.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein ~~the file name of~~ the file attachment has a file name that is changed when the at least one file attachment is saved.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein ~~when the message link is created the changed file name~~ the message link is comprised of a name that is comprised of the changed file name. ~~is used.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~12~~ 13, wherein the electronic message is an e-mail of an SMTP e-mail client.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the at least one file attachment is saved according to a defined rule and/or in a set file structure.

18. (Currently Amended) A device for the user-based processing of at least one electronic message, the device comprising:

an e-mail client configured to receive ~~that receives an~~ at least one electronic message having a file attachment;

an attachment substitution unit configured to replace ~~that replaces~~ a file attachment of a received electronic message with ~~by~~ a memory location link;

a user file system configured to store ~~that stores~~ the file attachment;

an attachment insertion unit configured to insert ~~that inserts~~ the replaced file attachment in ~~at~~ a selected memory location in a ~~the~~ user file system; and

a message link insertion unit configured to insert a message link in the selected memory location, the message link referring to the electronic message; and

a control unit configured to control ~~that controls~~ the e-mail client, the attachment substitution unit, the message link insertion unit and the attachment insertion unit.

19. (Currently Amended) The device system according to claim 18 wherein the message link is created and saved 12, further such that the message link is displayed in the same file as the file attachment, the message link configured to display the electronic message after the message link is actuated.

~~18, further comprising a link insertion unit that inserts a message link at the selected memory location, wherein the link refers to an electronic message with a replaced file attachment.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The device system according to claim 19, wherein the message link is comprised of inserted message includes a file name of the inserted file attachment

21. (Currently Amended) The device system according to claim 18, wherein the attachment insertion unit is configured to file the replaced files the replace file attachment using a modified file name.

22. (Currently Amended) The device system according to claim 21, wherein the attachment insertion unit files the ~~replace~~ replaced file attachment according to a user-define rule and/or a user-define file structure.

23. (New) The method of claim 12 further comprising replacing the at least one file attachment with at least one attachment link in the electronic message.

24. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein the user-selected memory location is a hard disk of a telecommunications terminal or a memory accessible via a network.

25. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein the link is a backlink.

26. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein the user-selected memory location is a file of a file system, the file system stored on and/or maintained by an electronic device selected from the group consisting of computers, telecommunications terminals and networks.

27. (New) The device of claim 18 wherein the message link is a backlink.

28. (New) The device of claim 18 wherein the user-selected memory location is a file of a file system, the file system stored on and/or maintained by an electronic device selected from the group consisting of computers, telecommunications terminals and networks.

29. (New) The device of claim 18 wherein message link insertion unit is configured to insert a message link in the selected memory location such that the link is displayed in the same file as the file attachment, the message link configured to display the electronic message after the link is actuated.

30. (New) The device of claim 18 wherein the message link insertion unit is comprised of backlink generation means.

31. (New) A device for processing of at least one electronic message, the device comprising:

- an e-mail client configured to receive at least one electronic message having a file attachment;

- a user file system configured to store the file attachment in a file of a file system;

- a display device configured to display objects stored in the file of the file system when the file is accessed by a user;

- a message link insertion unit configured to insert a message link in the file of the file system such that the message link is displayed adjacent to the file attachment after the file is accessed by a user, the message link referring to the electronic message such that the electronic message is displayed when the message link is actuated; and

- a control unit configured to control the e-mail client and the message link insertion unit.